

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 9-11, and 16 are amended herein. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 2, the Examiner objected to the title as not providing any description of the inventive concept to which the claims are directed. The Applicant has amended the title herein in a manner believed to overcome this objection.

In paragraph 3, the Examiner objected to claims 1, 9, 10, 11, and 16 for various informalities. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, 10, 11, and 16 herein in a manner believed to overcome these objections.

In paragraph 4, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 9, and 16 herein in a manner believed to overcome this objection. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claim 9 as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the test," and the Applicant respectfully submits that antecedent basis for this term is indeed found in claim 9 at line 10, and that the steps of the test are set forth in lines 10-26 of claim 16. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 16 as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the test" is in error and should be withdrawn.

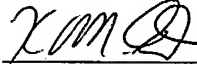
On page 4, the Examiner provides a Statement containing reasons for allowing claims 1, 9, and 16. The Statement appears to refer to the subject matter of independent claim 16. The Applicant submits that the application also has independent claims 1 and 9 to whose subject matter the Examiner appears not to refer. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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